

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 21st Mile Stone.

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 21 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 22)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the northeast side of Red Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Pleasant Grove ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 16

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Cecil / PA: Lancaster

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS N/A

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ ACCESSIBLE☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

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☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 21(22) marks Mason and Dixon's 21st horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is ^{an original milestone of 1766,} in good condition, unaltered (although at sometime prior to 1902 "mended with iron clamps"), and at its original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is rural, sparsely settled, with some farmlands but mostly woodlands. The site is within Election District VIII of Cecil County, Fulton Township of Lancaster County; about 0.8 mile southeast of the small crossroads settlement of Pleasant Grove, Pennsylvania; about 1½ miles northeast of the scattered settlement of Pilot, Maryland; about 1500' east-northeast off the bend in Red Hill Road, on the south slope in a deciduous woods about 50' from the edge of a cultivated field, within sight of transmission lines and towers. It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby, for it is unmarked, and protected by this obscurity.

The monument, originally set to stand about 3' above ground, was apparently reset in 1902, at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and now stands only about 9" above ground. As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments: it is an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England. The stone still measures about 12" square; retains its basic shape, though all edges and particularly the top corners are chipped; the letters P on the north (Pennsylvania) side and M on the south (Maryland) side are clear and intact, as is much of the fluting and margins; the top planes and apex remain, rising about 1" to the center.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting these)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~SIXKDER/ARENHICK~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are 24 original crownstones and 111 milestones of 1766-67 still standing along Mason and Dixon's West Line, set at mile intervals through the 132nd mile, and including 12 added in 1902 beyond that point (3 crownstones, 9 milestones) at irregular intervals. Milestone No. 21(22) is primarily significant as one of this original series, which represents a boundary of national and state importance, not only for its symbolism since Civil War times, but also for Mason and Dixon's innovative survey methods and the settlement of long standing provincial boundary disputes a century earlier. Individually, and as one of 20 (of 24 original) monuments remaining along the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, it is also significant locally as one of the diminishing number of objects and structures visually identifiable with our colonial and Civil War heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/AUTM: 18.39837.439730

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY CecilSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Lancaster**11 FORM PREPARED BY**NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological SurveyDATE 4/16/80 (site surveyed by Jean Ewing)STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount AvenueTELEPHONE 301/472-2128CITY OR TOWN PhoenixSTATE Maryland 21131

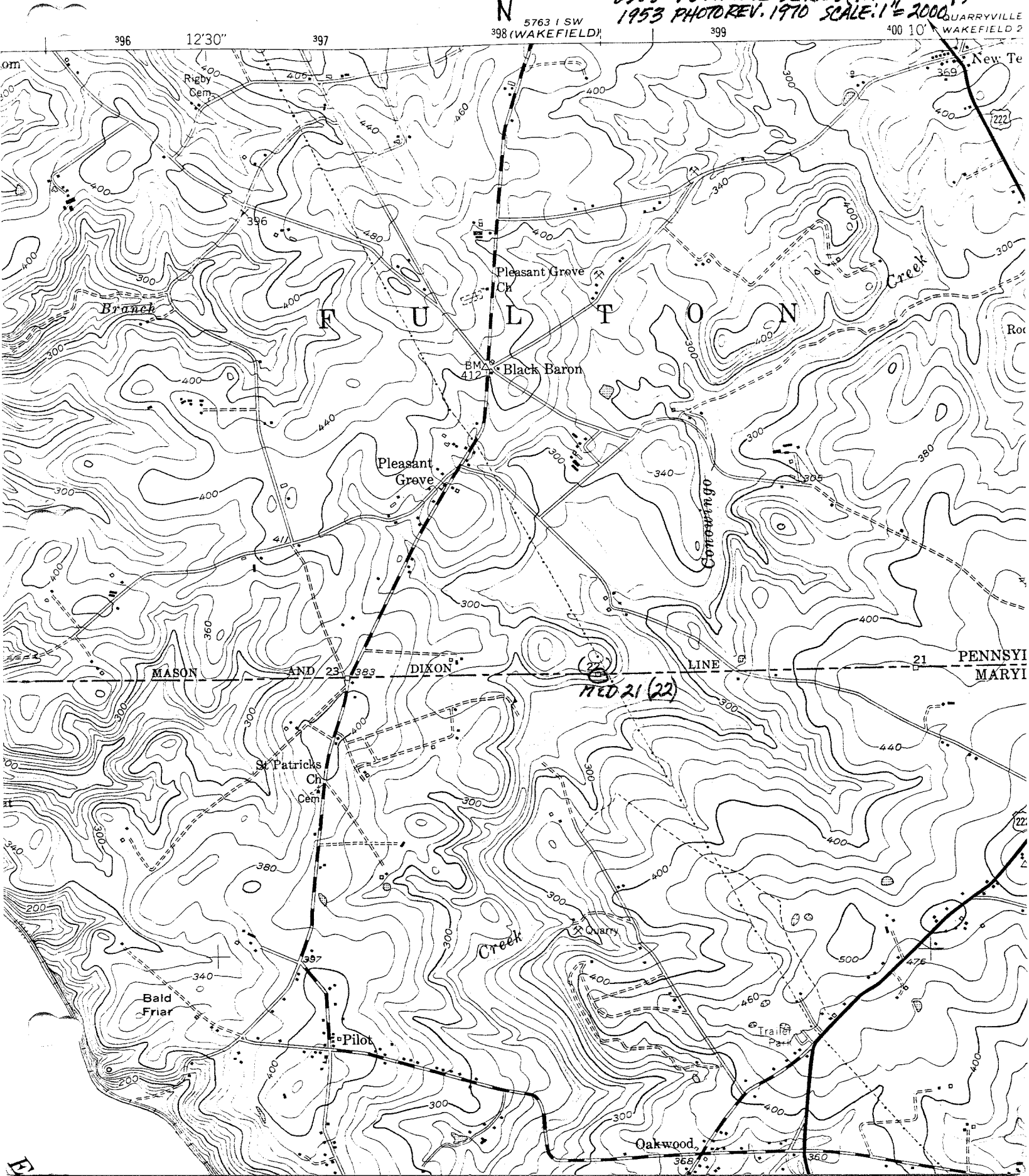
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 21 (22)
CONOWINGO DAM QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REV. 1970 SCALE: 1" = 2000'





MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 21 (22)
WEST & SOUTH (N) FACES

PHOTO: JEAN EWING 4/16/80 (NEG. #35)



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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 21 (22)
EAST & NORTH (P) FACES

PHOTO: JEAN EWING 4/16/80 (NEG. NO NUMBER)